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USSR: Grain Production and Changes
in Stocks Since 1970

Data on Soviet grain production and changes in grain stocks are given below.

<u>Year</u>	<u>Production</u>	<u>Change in stocks a/</u>
1970	186.8	6.5
1971	181.2	-4.9
1972	168.2	-6.1
1973	222.5	44.2
1974	195.7	-6.9
1975	140.0	-15.8

a. Change at end of crop year.

Grain production data are from official Soviet handbooks. Examination of other Soviet data permit a partial reconstruction of a grain balance relating domestic production, net imports, and major components of consumption. Although the USSR reports grain production, it does not release information on the main uses of grain, the amounts lost in transportation and storage, or the size of stocks. Sufficient data exist to make reliable estimates of Soviet use of grain for seed, food, industrial products, and net imports. Data on which to base estimates of grain fed to livestock are much less satisfactory. The difference between total supply and total requirements is a national estimate of additions to or deletions from non-strategic grain stocks and gives no clue as to the size of strategic grain reserves.

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